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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OBJECT ORIENTED APPROACH AND DATA
MODEL FOR CONFIGURE-TO-ORDER MANUFACTURING SYSTEM

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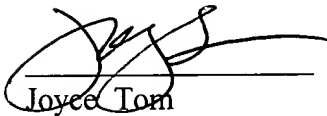
I Joyce Tom, hereby declare that:

1. I am a patent attorney at the Sawyer Law Group, LLP in Palo Alto, California.
Our firm is patent counsel for the inventors of the subject matter recited in the claims of the above-identified application.
2. Prior to February 23, 2001, our office received a letter instructing our firm to prepare a patent application based on an invention disclosure for an "Object Oriented Approach and Data Model for Configure to Order Manufacturing System." A true and correct copy of the letter dated November 2, 2000, retaining The Sawyer Law Group, LLP (formerly known as "Sawyer and Associates") by IBM is attached as Exhibit A.
3. On or about January 10, 2001, upon information and belief, my assistant provided, via electronic mail, a first draft of the application to Barry Kritt, one of the

inventors of the above-referenced application. A true and correct copy of the electronic message, accompanying the first draft is attached as Exhibit B.

4. Upon information and belief, the present patent application was filed on March 22, 2001.

I hereby declare that all statements made in this declaration are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I further acknowledge that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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Subj: Invention Disclosure No. Patent Application No. RPS8-2000-0143, titled,
Object Oriented Approach and Data Model for Configure to Order
Manufacturing System

Ref: Docket No. RPS9-2000-0110

Dear Joe:

The above Invention Disclosure, RPS8-2000-0143, titled; Object Oriented Approach and Data Model for Configure to Order Manufacturing System as been assigned to your office to prepare for filing. The Docket No. is RPS9-2000-0110 that is relevant to the above mentioned invention disclosure RPS8-2000-0143. Barry Kritt is the primary inventor, and he can be reached at (919) 543-0445. Enclosed you will find the necessary docket material for this Patent Application.

Bruce Schelkopf is the assigned attorney for this Patent application, and he can be reached at (919) 543-4753.

Regards,

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Enclosures: Docket Material

"EXHIBIT A"

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Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2001 1:41 PM
Attach: IB - Pat Appln 1949P-RPS92000-0110.doc; Figures - 1949P.doc
Subject: Patent Application

Re: United States Patent Application
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OBJECT
ORIENTED APPROACH AND
DATA MODEL FOR CONFIGURE-TO-ORDER
MANUFACTURING SYSTEM
IBM Reference: RPS920000110
Our Reference: 1949P

Dear Mr. Kritt:

Attached in Word format is a first draft of the above-referenced patent application including claims and drawings. Please carefully review the draft to ensure that the application, including the specification, claims, abstract and drawings, completely and accurately describes and claims your invention. Please advise as soon as possible of any additions or changes you may have.

The prior art of which we are aware has been cited in the draft application itself. Please advise if you are aware of any additional or more pertinent prior art that should be called to the attention of the Patent Office.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Regards,

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"EXHIBIT B"

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